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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING ZONES IN A STRATIFIED

MEDIUM WHERE THE INTERFACE BETWEEN A FLUID IN PLACE IN THE MEDIUM AND A FLUSHING FLUID MOVES IN

A STATIONARY MANNER

ATTN: Application Division

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **July 15, 2005**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application and <u>prior to</u>

<u>calculation of the filing fee</u>, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims;

Remarks are included following the amendments.